

IN HONOR OF ROBERT GRISWOLD

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 9, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Griswold of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Navy. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Griswold for his service to our nation and our community.

RECOGNIZING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR JOSE CAMACHO**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Mr. Jose Camacho, who has retired after serving 37 years as the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC).

Armed with his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those less fortunate, Mr. Camacho earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1973 and worked in private practice until 1979 when he became the Director of the Farmworker Policy Impact Project at Texas Rural Legal Aid in Austin. In 1982 Mr. Camacho became the General Counsel for the National Migrant Referral Project and in 1983, he began his career with TACHC as General Counsel where he assisted in the development of the organization. Mr. Camacho became the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers in 1984 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2020. Mr. Camacho's career was devoted to the development of grassroot, community-controlled organizations in low-income communities whose purpose is to provide comprehensive health care services to medically indigent residents. Mr. Camacho's north star has been the Federally Qualified Health Care Program which affords low income communities the opportunity to mobilize residents around the need for culturally appropriate health care services and develop a system of health care that is responsive to local residents.

TACHC is the federally designated primary care association for the state and is the link between federal, state, and local entities providing health care for Texas' most vulnerable populations. TACHC started with a membership of seven (7) community clinics in 1983

serving approximately 7,500 patients annually. While the organization had a humble beginning, Mr. Camacho's forward-thinking and leadership helped grow it into the reliable and successful organization that exists today. During Mr. Camacho's tenure, TACHC exceeded expectations and extended service to over 100 organizations within Texas. As the largest network of primary care clinics in Texas, TACHC-member clinics have over 550 delivery sites, throughout Texas providing health care to over 1.6 million patients annually; approximately 80 percent are patients with incomes below poverty. Heavily involved with the Texas State Legislature, the United States Congress, local community action groups and the American Health Lawyers Association, he initiated numerous legislative proposals which improved how health services were provided in Texas. Additionally, he initiated cost-saving contracts which helped save money for community health centers and allowed them to increase and expand valuable services to patients.

Health centers serve communities suffering from shortages of primary medical, dental, or mental health providers. Their mission is to serve low-income and uninsured individuals who lack access to quality and affordable healthcare. With Texas continuously leading the nation in the number of uninsured, now estimated to be well over 5 million in 2019, Mr. Camacho made it his mission to advocate to the state and federal government to strengthen and preserve the health care safety net and assisted in the development of health centers in medically underserved communities. He negotiated and reviewed legal documents, conducted policy analysis, and drafted legislative proposals on behalf of TACHC and the community health centers the association serves. In addition to his role of General Counsel to TACHC's Board of Directors and members, Mr. Camacho provided steadfast support directly to Texas Health Centers, keeping them informed, designing and implementing training programs related to regulatory requirements, legislative changes, industry trends and available opportunities—all with the focus on expanding access to care and enhancing both the quality and scope of services provided to vulnerable populations across Texas.

Needless to say, Mr. Camacho has had a tremendous impact on health services in Texas, and his work will not be forgotten. His commitment to and vision for TACHC laid the foundation for its future success and set an example for community health centers throughout Texas. He cares deeply about the people he served and consistently showed what it meant to be a good leader. He guided—he motivated—he inspired. The dedication that he exhibited should be a constant reminder of how we should live our daily lives. This recognition is to commemorate Mr. Camacho for his loyalty and devotion to others, and for ensuring the best quality of health care for all Texans, especially those with limited resources.

As we move forward, let us take the time to also appreciate the service of heroes among our community like Mr. Camacho—all those individuals who spend their lives committed to service and ensuring health and safety of others. In the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." And

so, we take time today to express our gratitude for Mr. Camacho's work. His impact on the health status of Texans has been incredible. The example he set in his career serves as the model of commitment and dedicated service that many of his former colleagues now live by. We are so grateful for Mr. Camacho and his life's work. His legacy of service to the less fortunate is truly remarkable.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the career and service of Jose Camacho.

IN HONOR OF CLAIR GREENE

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clair Greene of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Clair is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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NATIONAL NURSE  
PRACTITIONER'S WEEK 2020**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Nurse Practitioner's Week.

All over our nation, nurse practitioners serve as trusted health care providers for patients. They work tirelessly to diagnose and treat patients with COVID-19 and to combat community spread nationwide, while grieving their colleagues who have lost their lives during the pandemic.

Nurse Practitioners work to expand access to care in underserved communities, and end health disparities in health care. They provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty care services while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day. They are highly skilled practitioners with advanced education and clinical training, building upon their initial registered nurse preparation. The confidence that patients have in Nurse Practitioner-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than one billion visits made annually to Nurse Practitioners across the country.

This week I am proud to recognize and honor the service of Nurse Practitioners in the State of Florida. During this International Year of the Nurse, it is imperative that we recognize the sacrifice that so many have made in order to keep us safe and healthy.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM B. MARTIN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Martin of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Navy. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
JAVIER ESTADES AND HIS SERVICE  
TO THE CIGAR ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICA

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Javier Estades.

Javier was born in Spain, but went on to receive his undergraduate degree from George Washington University right here in Washington—his first real formal contact with the U.S.

Javier then went back to Europe where he went on to receive his MBA and start his career working for large, fast-moving consumer companies. Then, about 15 years ago, he was hired by Altadis to manage the mass market team in Spain. As he progressed through the company, he was eventually hired to run the Altadis team right here in the United States and he immigrated here nearly 10 years ago.

Javier Estades now serves as the president and chief executive officer of Tabacalera USA, which oversees Imperial Brands' premium cigar businesses, including Altadis U.S.A., JR Cigar and Casa de Montecristo.

And for the past five years, Javier has headed the Cigar Association of America—a national trade association representing cigar manufacturers, importers, and distributors, as well as other major suppliers of the industry. The CAA is proactive in defending its mem-

bers, their businesses and other like-minded associations. It also has an extensive network established to monitor and act on federal, state and local regulations that could have an impact on its members and the cigar industry at large. The organization's bylaws have been amended several times to allow for Javier Estades to serve multiple terms as the organization's chairman—something which I think speaks directly to his unwavering leadership to build deep relationships and be an effective advocate for his industry.

Javier is deeply knowledgeable of every aspect of his industry and is so well-versed he can go toe-to-toe with just about anyone on any issue.

His time as Chairman of the Cigar Association of America was marked by an almost overwhelming number of challenges, yet Javier seemed to navigate them all with ease, simply because of the type of person he is.

It has been a real honor and joy to get to know Javier over the last five years and I hope he enjoys his retirement from heading the CAA—maybe even with a cigar.

IN HONOR OF LILLIAN JENNINGS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillian Jennings of Huntingdon County for her service in the United States Navy. She is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for her service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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TRIBUTE TO TOM KARLO

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of my fellow members of the San Diego Congressional Delegation, I would like to pay tribute to Tom Karlo, the General Manager of KPBS in San Diego.

After 47 years with the station, Tom is retiring. These days, very few of us can say we have been with the same organization for nearly 50 years. But when you have, as Tom says, the best job in the world, it's not surprising.

While Tom has been a fixture at KPBS, KPBS is a longtime respected fixture when it comes to news in San Diego. And Tom deserves credit for that.

We in San Diego are very proud of KPBS, and it is no surprise that it is the highest-rated public television station in America. Every week, more than 1.2 million people tune in on television or radio or click or stream KPBS content.

During Tom's tenure, KPBS's top-notch journalists, producers, and crew have won numerous awards both locally and regionally, as well as nationally. I know my colleagues can attest along with me that when you are interviewed by KPBS you had better be prepared because they certainly would be.

Tom himself has won three local Emmy awards.

When I joined KPBS as a community producer in the late '70s, Tom had already been there a few years. As a student at San Diego State University studying film and television, he was hired as a part-time assistant in 1973. We worked together during several years of public television auctions (some of us remember those days) and he was truly a man of many disciplines.

He has done just about every job—director, producer, assistance cameraman. In 2009, he was elevated to General Manager and we find ourselves working together again as he would come to Washington, D.C., for what was a common goal for all of us: protecting vital federal funding for public broadcasting.

Over the years, while his roles have changed, one constant has been Tom's self-effacing manner.

His retirement will be our loss, but it will be his family's gain. He is no doubt looking forward to spending more time with them, especially his grandchildren.

My colleagues, Reps. SCOTT PETERS, JUAN VARGAS, and MIKE LEVIN, and I would like to wish Tom all the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF DARLA HOMAN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darla Homan of Huntingdon County for her service in the United States Army. She is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for her service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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